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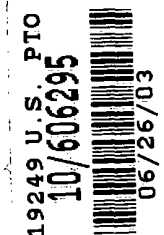
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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Re: Application of Yoshinari SAWABE, Yoshiaki SAKATANI, Hironobu KOIKE
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING TITANIUM OXIDE
Assignee: **SUMITOMO CHEMICAL COMPANY, LIMITED**
Our Ref: Q75965

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/819,790 (Confirmation No. 2645) filed March 29, 2001 of Yoshinari SAWABE, Yoshiaki SAKATANI, Hironobu KOIKE entitled PROCESS FOR PRODUCING TITANIUM OXIDE.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed are a Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement, Transmittal of Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement, an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing all of the references cited by Applicants and the Examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1754.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/819,790 filed March 29, 2001; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-098704	March 31, 2000
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Japan	2000-122126	April 24, 2000
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The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/819,790.

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A check for the statutory fee of \$1038.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/819,790. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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